

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: February 19, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 2430 - SB 2902**

This bill, if enacted, will establish the Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program of Tennessee which shall be administratively attached to the Department of Health. The mission of the AHEC program shall be to use educational interventions through community-academic partnerships. The program shall promote wellness, disease prevention, primary care and the recruitment of minority and underprivileged individuals into health care professions.

The bill appropriates \$1,500,000 to fund the Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Program of Tennessee beginning July 1, 1996. The appropriation to fund the AHEC Program of Tennessee for fiscal year 1996 shall be allocated as follows:

1. Twenty-six and three-fourths percent to East Tennessee State University for the East Tennessee area health education center program.
2. Twenty-six and three-fourths percent to the University of Tennessee, Memphis for the West Tennessee area health education center program.
3. Forty-six and one-half percent to Meharry Medical College for the Middle Tennessee area health education center program.
4. For all successive years after July 1, 1997, funding to the individual AHEC programs shall be equally divided among East Tennessee State University, the University of Tennessee,

Memphis and Meharry Medical College at thirty-three and one-third percent each.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state expenditures of \$1,500,000 to fund this appropriation.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director